

REMARKS/ARGUMENT

In response to the restriction requirement, applicants elect the invention of Group V. Applicant reserves the right to pursue the inventions defined by the withdrawn claims in a divisional application.

The Office Action requires restriction between what are asserted to be five (5) separate and distinct inventions: (1) Group I: claims 4-6, 14-16 and 23 to an isolated polynucleotide encoding SEQ ID No. 1, and a related vector and host cell; (2) Group II: claims 9-13 to a complex of a polypeptide having a PTD linked to a cargo moiety; (3) Group III: claims 18-22 to a method of immortalizing a cell; (4) Group IV: claims 24-28 to a method of increasing cell viability, and (5) Group V: claims 29 and 30 to a polypeptide comprising a crosslinker.

As noted previously, applicant elects to prosecute the Group V claims.

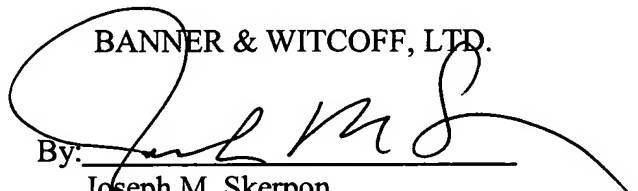
As noted in the Office Action, claims 1-3, 7 and 8, which have not been placed into any of the restriction invention, link the inventions of Groups II and V.

The Office Action also requires an election of species. In compliance with that requirement, applicant elects a small molecule. In response to the requirement for a "listing of all claims readable thereon," applicant believes that only claims 10, 11, 12 and 18-28 could not embrace some aspect of an embodiment direct to this species. As a result, claims 1-9 and 13-17 are believed to read on the elected species.

Applicants request reconsideration of the pending claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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